Posts lying vacant in different departments of the ministry

3970. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies in different departments of his Ministry during the last three years; year-wise, department-wise and category-wise;

(b) the reasons for not filling these vacancies since they fell vacant;

(c) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has not implemented a number of projects planned for Prasar Bharati in 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and

(d) if so, the details of projects that have not been able to complete in the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

SC guidelines to check the sexual abuse of women at workplace

†3971. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some guidelines have been issued by the Supreme Court to check the sexual abuse of women at the work-place and to maintain her dignity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether these guidelines have been fully observed by Government?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) The Hon'ble Supreme Court, in its judgement dated 13th August, 1997 in the case of Vishaka & Ors. Vs. State of Rajasthan & Ors. Laid down guidelines and norms to prevent sexual harassment for women at workplace. These guidelines stipulate, *inter-alia,* setting up of Complaint Committees as a part of complaint mechanism to redress the complaint made by the victim. These guidelines are required to be followed by all the employers, whether in public or private sector.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The guidelines are norms laid down by the Court were circulated to all Ministries/Departments for compliance. In compliance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Government has also amended the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 by inserting a new rule (Rule 3C) to include sexual harassment as a misconduct. It has also been stipulated that the report of the Complaints Committee should be treated as a preliminary report against the accused Government servant and expeditious follow up action be taken on the report of the Complaints Committee.

Setting up of special courts for rape cases

3972. MISS MABEL REBELLO
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police has asked Delhi Government for setting up of special courts to hear rape cases;

(b) whether there has been increase in these cases and it takes around five years for disposal of a case; and

(c) if so, whether such Courts would be set up not only in the Capital but also at other places, to achieve the objective?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, madam. The Delhi Police has requested the Delhi Government for setting up of three Special Courts in each of the three court complexes in Delhi.

(b) There has been a constant decline in the rape cases since 2000. The year-wise number of rape cases registered are as given below:

Year	:	No. of cases registered
2000	:	455
2001	:	400
2002	:	403

Time taken in disposal of cases varies from case to case.

(c) Fast Track Courts have been set up to ensure speedy trial of long pending cases, including rape cases. So far 1334 such courts have been notified as against a total of 1734 such courts proposed to be set up.